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E.O. 12065: GDS 9-24-85 (CASTRO, RAUL H.) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJ: RELEASE AND PROTECTION FOR TIMERMAN

REF: STATE 249264

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I OBTAINED AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE GENERAL VIOLA
AT 1800 HOURS SEPTEMBER 26 AT WHICH TIME I WILL CARRY
OUT INSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

3. POLITICAL GOSSIP AND PRESS ARE NOW TAKING FOR
GRANTED THAT A JUNTA DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO EXPEL
TIMERMAN AND CANCEL HIS ARGENTINE NATIONALITY. OUR
ESTIMATE IS THAT IF IN FACT THIS IS NOT THE CASE,
THE MEDIA AND MILITARY OPINION ARE BEING MANIPULATED
TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION EASIER.

4. IN A DISCUSSION WITH RABBI MEYER THIS AFTERNOON
I INFORMED HIM OF DEPARTMENT'S POLICY RE REFUGE AND
AGAIN REASSURED THAT I THOUGHT POSSIBILITY OF
TIMERMAN'S BEING LEFT UNPROTECTED IN BUENOS AIRES
WAS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY. IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE FOR
MODERATES IN GOA TO FORCE THE ISSUE OF HIS RELEASE
AND THEN FURTHER BLACKEN COUNTRY'S IMAGE BY PERMITTING
HIS DEATH OR DISAPPEARANCE.
CASTRO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
(X) Release () Excise () Deny
Exemption(s):

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